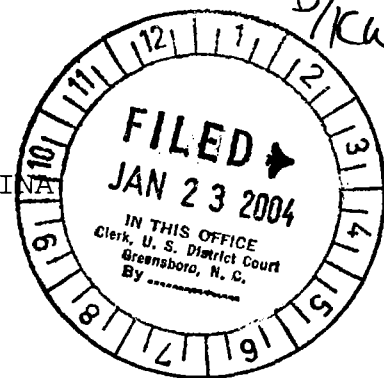


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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA



WALTER KIDDE PORTABLE  
EQUIPMENT INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNIVERSAL SECURITY  
INSTRUMENTS, INC.,

Defendant.

CIVIL NO. 1:03CV00537

O R D E R

BULLOCK, District Judge

For the reasons set forth in the memorandum opinion filed  
contemporaneously herewith,

IT IS ORDERED that Defendant's motion [Doc. #4-1] to dismiss  
for improper venue is **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant's motion [Doc. #4-2] to  
transfer this action to the United States District Court for the  
District of Maryland is **DENIED**.

January 23 , 2004

  
United States District Judge